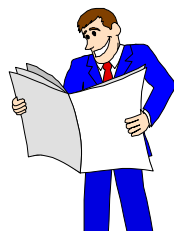


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This is the first of the **New "DATAGRAM"** newsletters from the Configuration/Data Management Division, AIR-1.3.2. **Configuration Management POC:** John Jones, AIR-1.3.2, 604-2525 X8824, 1000 JP1. **Data Management POCs:** Jackie Mercer, AIR-1.3.2.3, 604-2525 X8802 and Rosemary Richardson, AIR-1.3.2.4, 604-2525 X8827, 1020 JP1.

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### **CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT NEWS**

#### **NAVAIR Change Control Board Operations**

In September 94 the AOC tasked the ECP QMB to reengineer the NAVAIR Centralized Change Control Board (CCB) process to better facilitate operations under the new CAO organization. Since tasked, it has already conducted a customer survey, reviewed the current CCB process/procedures, developed three optional processes and is currently implementing a decentralized CCB process (authorized by the AOC during Feb 95) with PMA-299 and PMA-273 serving as prototypes. The decentralized CCB process will allow PMs to approve ECPs for the entire lifecycle of their programs while allowing AIR-1.3.2 to maintain centralized control of ECP data for managing the CM competency.

Assessment of the decentralized process should be completed by Sep 95 at which time it is expected to be extended to all PMs.

#### **MIL-STD-973 Configuration Management (CM)**

As a result of the recent Specifications and Standards Reform Initiative, MIL-STD-973 was just one of many Military standards recommended for cancellation. As of 28 Feb 95 the Defense Standards Improvement Council (DSIC) has determined that MIL-STD-973 will not be canceled until it can be replaced with an EIA standard currently under development, and a new category of military standard that will be titled an "Interface Standard."

AIR-1.3.2 has developed new contract language (e.g. SOW, contract clause) to ensure that CM is adequately covered. Contact CM POC for information.

### **DATA MANAGEMENT NEWS**

#### **AMSDL:**

The Acquisition Management System and Data Requirements Control List (AMSDL), DOD 5010.12-L, latest edition 1 OCT 1994. (Page II-4 was inadvertently printed on the back of page III-151). There are also a number of inconsistencies in this edition and this list may be obtained from the Data Management (DM) office. The AMSDL may also be searched through the ASSIST (Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System) user platform. Information on ASSIST may be obtained from the ASSIST Help Desk (215) 697-6257 or DSN 442-6257/6396.

## **DIDS:**

The Data Item Description (DID) Library is located in 1020 JP1. The DIDs may also be accessed through the ASSIST user platform, as discussed above.

## **DIDs recommended for cancellation/revision/retention**

A DID Disposition memo was sent to all NAVAIR DID offices of primary responsibility (OPRs). The checklist for DIDs were due to AIR- 1.3.2 on 24 Feb 1995. There is an extensive effort underway to cancel all **unnecessary** DIDs throughout DOD as a result of acquisition reform. The Air Force has submitted a list of DIDs to be considered for cancellation. If you are interested in assuming ownership of these DIDs to keep in use, please contact the DM office for further information.

Did you know that **canceled or superseded** DIDs can be used? Canceled or superseded DIDs that are in use on a current contract may be used on follow-on contracts for the same item when continuity of data format and content is required.

**Onetime DIDs** may be developed if an appropriate DID is not contained in the AMSDL. Onetime DIDs will be used on only one contract and may continue being used on follow-on contracts for procurement of additional quantities of the original item. Onetime DIDs are approved by the DM office.

**Tailoring DIDs** may be accomplished to accept contractor format or to reduce the scope through **deletion or selection** of existing requirements.

**Specifications or standards** that are referenced in DIDs shall be reviewed to determine if they are necessary. If they are not necessary, cite this information in block 16 of the Contract Data Requirements List (CDRL). In addition, if critical data content or preparation instructions are embedded in a referenced specification or standard, this may be extracted and placed in block 16 of the CDRL. This precludes the unnecessary reference to specifications and standards.

## **DRRB**

According to DODI 5000.2, Part 9, Section B, a Data Requirements Review Board (DRRB) is a required process that must take place for any acquisition having a potential cost of \$5 million or more. The DRRB is chaired by the Program Manager or his/her authorized designee. The DRRB ensures that only minimum data needed to permit cost-effective support of research, development, production, provisioning, training, operation, maintenance, and related logistic functions over the life cycle of the item will be acquired.

AIR- 1.3.2 provides policy and guidance for the DRRB. AIR-1.3.2 is in the process of finalizing a revised DRRB instruction to reflect the new Competency Aligned Organization. Other guidance may be found in DOD 5010.12-M, Procedures for the Acquisition and Management of Technical Data, Chapter 2.

## **STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW) - Is it still needed?:**

Recently, there was a joint services project team formed to determine if a **SOW** was still

needed for today's DoD acquisitions. This was requested by Mrs. Eleanor Spector, Director of Defense Procurement, OSD. This was addressed by all services in which the Air Force had the lead (Jackie Mercer, AIR-1.3.2.3 represented NAVAIR). After an extensive work project, the final conclusion was that SOWs should not be discontinued. It was found that stronger emphasis should be placed on the use of MIL-HDBK-245C. Also, that the continuation of efforts to streamline the SOW process and product, with particular attention being given to the elimination of redundancies between the SOW and other parts of the solicitation or contract. MIL-HDBK-245C will be revised to reflect any changes as a result of the acquisition reform effort. A briefing was given to Mrs. Eleanor Spector in January 1995 and she concurred in the project team's findings.

AIR-1.3.2 will be developing and collecting a library of generic SOWs that cover various functional disciplines.

SOW guidance can be found in the following publications:

- (1) MIL-HDBK-245C
- (2) NAVAIR Procurement Initiation Document Guide  
Also available through the network - drive 0:\PAID
- (3) NAVAIR Acquisition Guide, Part N

Guidance in the area of SOW preparation may also be sought through the DM office.

## **Procurement Process Training Course:**

Course is held quarterly (19-22 Jun 95, 11-14 Sep 95). The NAVAIR Procurement Initia-

tion Document Guide is available on the Network O:\PAID. Copies can be obtained from Gerald Cecala, AIR-1.5A, 604-6200 X3415, 940 JP1., who is also the POC for the course.